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FROM: USAIRLO HONG KONG SGD LAYTON

TO : CS USAF WASHINGTON DC ATTN AFOI

NR : CIRECALHK 282-51 5 January 1951

Reference CALHK 247 and 246-50 AINOSAL Hong Kong 316 and Hong Kong Us ARYTONGEN 1691 to State.

Hong Kong full of rumors regarding increased military threat to colony and irresponsible statement regarding evacuation of dependents by US and other non British nationals. The following is only confirmed by reliably sources:

(1) Pan American, Chase National and Eastman Kodak are sending dependents from Hong Kong soonest.

(2) Most CALTEX dependents will have departed by the 20 Jan.

(3) British Military have stopped travel of dependents to Hong Kong at Government expense and may put obstacles in the way of those who attempt to bring families at their own expense.

(4) News from Office Chase National has ordered local branch to close as soon as business affairs can be arranged.

Comment: The restrictions imposed on British military dependents was tentatively proposed 15 December (See CALHK 264-50) ANLKH is still spoken of in hushed voices due to extremel activity of colonial government and the communist advance that the security of the colony might depend on suppressing any leaks regarding official travel restrictions of evacuation plans. All indications point to mounting exodus of non British Nationals and a mass exodus could be precipitated soon. Accordingly reexamination recommended (See CALHK 247-50)

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makes necessary recommendation that transportation of USAF dependents to Hong Kong be restricted until further notice.

Note: 264-50 is TS-6194 (Dec 50).
Other refs are not identified in SMD.

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